

SENATE BILL 266

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AN ACT to require the governor, utilizing the resources of the department of agriculture, the department of economic and community development and the department of environment and conservation, to develop a comprehensive state energy conservation plan.

WHEREAS, energy is an important factor in the economic, environmental, and social well-being of this state; and

WHEREAS, many of the decisions made by state government affect energy use and production which, in turn, affect our future decisions and actions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this state establish a sound energy conservation policy through an emphasis on lower energy prices, less reliance on foreign energy, and the development of environmentally-sound technology, and work with purpose to make Tennessee a center for economic development and technological innovation in the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a comprehensive energy conservation plan would be a significant step in the development of a sustainable energy future, and further the long term vision of this state to establish Tennessee as a model of sustainable energy practices; and

WHEREAS, rising energy prices, along with the increased demand for energy world-wide, international turmoil, and the environmental impact of current energy resources, demand that this state take proactive and aggressive measures to make Tennessee more energy efficient, and to develop and use alternative and renewable energy resources; now, therefore,  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The governor, utilizing the resources of the department of agriculture, the department of economic and community development, and the department of environment and conservation, shall develop a comprehensive state energy conservation plan to move this state

toward a future of more stable energy prices, a more secure, diverse and sustainable energy supply, and a cleaner environment.

SECTION 2. That the energy conservation plan shall be presented to the General Assembly for review by January 1, 2008, and implemented by July 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.